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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KAH ET AL.

Examiner

Davis D. Hwu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-7, 14-33, 37-39, 43-46, 50-59 and 61 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-13, 48, 49, 60, 62 and 63 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-36 and 64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 40-42, 47, 65 and 66 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and arguments of May 19, 2005 are acknowledged and entered.
2. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Larsen (US Patent 5,975,430).

Larsen '430 shows a rotary driven sprinkler comprising a stationary sprinkler housing assembly 14 as recited, a nozzle housing assembly 88 mounted for rotation on top of the sprinkler housing, a nozzle 94 mounted in the nozzle housing assembly, and a flow shut off valve 120 mounted in the nozzle housing which is rotatable around an axis extending longitudinally within the housing as recited.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 35, 36, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Clark et al. (US Patent 6,241,158).

Clark et al. '158 shows a sprinkler assembly comprising a nozzle housing 24 having a central axis and a flow path, the flow path having a main portion extending along the

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central axis and an angled portion defining a water stream outlet passage as recited (see Figure 2), a nozzle assembly 26 removably mounted in the outlet passage (Column 4, lines 39-40), and a valve 38 disposed in the nozzle housing flow path, the valve being configured so that parts of the valve which control the water flow when the valve is not in the open position are substantially completely displaced from the outlet nozzle flow path when the valve is in a fully open position since the valve 38 will never be in the outlet nozzle flow path, and an actuator by which the valve can be operated from the exterior of the nozzle housing (Column 5, lines 11-16) as recited in claim 36.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 40-42, 47, 65, and 66 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 8-13, 48, 49, 60, 62, and 63 are allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davis D. Hwu whose telephone number is 571-272-4904. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on 571-272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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